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AT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

MATTERS CONCERNING THE NATION' JUDGE ROBERTSON'S NOMINATION NOT TO BE WITH-DRAWN OR CHANGED-REPLY TO A CONKLING ATTACK UPON THE PRESIDENT-EXPENSIVE MAIL SERVICE-THE CASES OF STANLEY MATTHEWS

AND WILLIAM E. CHANDLER. It is not thought that there is any possibility of a compromise on the Robertson nomination; it is believed that a direct vote will be taken soon on the question of his confirmation. Thomas M. Nichol replies to an attack upon President Garfield in The New-York Herald, which is judged by internal evidence to have been inspired by Mr. Conkling. An in- plystance is cited of a mail route in New-Mextco where the average cost of carrying a letter was \$700. The friends of Stanley Matthews feel confident of his confirmation. The Senate Judiciary Committee took up the nomination of William E. Chandler yesterday, but postponed action.

NO COMPROMISE POSSIBLE.

THE RESUR BETWEEN THE PERSIDENT AND MR CONKLING TO BE SETTLED ONLY BY A DIRECT VOTE-MISREPRESENTATIONS OF MR. CARLIETE'S

Washington, May 11.- Has latest harmony scheme, and probably the jast one that will be heard of, is that Robertson about I be unanimously confirmed by Conkling's grace on permission with triumph of Mr. Conkling; for Conkling would be able to boast that the result of the fight was that he accomplished all that he set out to accomplish The harmony advocates, who have been busy for the past two days, have nearly all concluded to-night that there is no way of settling the difficulty except the vote is taken the better for all concerned. The pressure for a vote begins to be so strong that it can hardly be resisted much longer. The only genuine

Senate with fresh schemes for avoiding a square trouble be fixed up in some way?" was the burden of their song. Each one prefaced has proposition by the assertion that he was " as good a friend of the President as anybody." Each one was ready, however, to put the President in the humiliating position of not being able to nominate a Collector for the Port of New-York without leave of

One plan much talked of was for the President to withdraw Robertson's name and send it back for the District-Attorneyship, putting some man from Collector's office outside the State in the as Hannibal Hamlin, of Maine, t. Frelinghuysen, of New-Jersey-and mtisfying Woodford by giving him the District-Judgeship. Another was of similar purport, but pitched upon William E. Chandier for the Collectorship in order to kill two birds with one stone-the Conkling row and the difficulty with Attorney-General MacVeagh about putting Chandler in his department. It was asserted just before the caucus met, by Senators friendly to Conkling, that he would accept Chandler. Indeed, it is probable that he would now accept anybody if by so doing he could obtain the withdrawal of Robertson's name and thus be able to claim a victory in the contest he has so inexcusably provoked,

No compromise is possible that does not involve the retreat of either the Executive or the domineering Senator from New-York. The President cannot retreat without surrendering the vital constitutional principle of the indepenlence of the Executive. The consent of Mr. Conkling to the appointment of Judge Robertson to some other place would make no difference in the situation. The fact would remain unaltered, that the President could not nominate the man of his cho for an important National office, and obtain a fair vote from the Senate on the merits of the nominee, for the sole reason that Mr. Conkling stands in the months of incubation, in such them bastic thores as only one man in the United States is master of, of any late do the wrong thing, though they have a learning that way, make a considerable majority on the Republican side of the Senate, and insure Roberts.

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Reserved on May 11, 1881. way. . The men who are determined to do the right tons confirmation whenever the question comes to a square issue. It is possible, howtion on Robertson's nonlination were not squivalent to voting to reject Robertson at Conkling's dictation the men who would like to reduce the President to a clerk to job out patronage under their orders would have a majority and would bring the session to a speedy close. But it is well understood that every Senator who votes for an adjournnent now does so for the sole purpose of preventing a fair test on the question of confirming Robertson. No possible exense can be made for longer avoiding a direct vote.

The attempt to misrepresent the President as week ng to dictate the course of Senators is a flat failure. and is not likely to be longer persisted in. No Predent was ever more desirous to have the advisand cordial cooperation of the Senators of his party a the matter of appointments, and none ever repected more thoroughly the independent right

the Senate to pass upon nominations free from improper executive influence. All that general Garfield is insisting on is fair treatment from the Senate in return.

A considerable number of nominations determined apon during the past three or foar weeks still remain in the President's hands. He does not think it wise to send them to the Senate until the pending controversy is closed, destring to have the issue on kielertson as free as possible from complications with other appointments.

Governor Foster arrived here yesterday from Ohio. He says the Republicans of that State are unanimona and enthusiastic in their approval of the President's course. The withdrawal of the nominations of Mr. Conkling's friends was taken, he says, as an vidence that the Administration meant to defend the said and was able to maintain its rights and digainty in any coutest forced upon it. Public continue, and a feeling of joyful security took the place of doubt and apprehension.

MR. CONKLING AND THE PRESIDENT. THE MEETING IN NEW-YORK LAST AUGUST-GEN-ERAL GARFIELB'S COMING URGED BY SENATOR

CONKLING'S FRIENDS-LETTER FROM THOMAS M

To the Editor of The Tribune. SIR: A five-column article, accompanied by over a lumn of editorial comments, appears in The New-York Herald of this morning. Being somewhat far with a number of the matters alluded to, I ish to make a few corrections and comments.

-The whole article bears internal evidence of Senator's assistance in its preparation. Who writer of the article what passed between two gentlemen in private conversation at in Now, it is absurd to suppose that Garfield sorrespondent of The Herald such things; sical conclusion is that Conkling furnished al and the inspiration. At one point the sterms us that Mr. Conkling "smiled" during stantion between himself and General Gar-who but himself would have told that Mr. Conkling or General Gar-and only Mr. Conkling would; or his going or not going to tea, as to

ful and undignified. Mr. Blaine is not in a position to take part in the present fight; if he were it would not be so persistently forced on to him. He drubbed Mr. Conkling once, eighteen years ago; and that to renew the contest till now, when Blaine cann reply, and when, by so doing, it helps him in a disby seeming to force a fight with one who cannot re-

Third-The article directly charges General Garthe campaign, I had general charge of General Garto make no promises to any one. If General Garall Republicans fairly. As to the trip to New-York I field, in a sort of despair, suggested a conference

FURTHER TACTS ABOUT EXTRAVOLANT MAIN SUB-

WASHINGTON, May 11. The reduction in steam-bout and Star Rente expenses noted in newsche-patches within the last three or four days are profeably only the beginning of a very general system of economy in small matters in the Contract Office of the Post Office Department. Unnecessary or extravagast contracts, wherever found, are to be reduced or cut off, and there are indications that the active Star Route contracts—will mount up into the cultions. Some minor relactions have to-dry heen effected in Pennsylvania and Vernout, A preliminary examination of the records of the office discloses the fact that hundreds and probably thousands of offices exist the receipts of which average 83, 85 and 810 each a onarter, and which have cost the Government \$100. been established for the accommodation of single individuals.

Letters are received in great numbers from all parts of the country, noticeably from the South and Southwest, calling attention to extravagances which may, in the opinion of the writers, be advantageously cut off, or suggesting ways in which as

A gentleman called at the Department to-day and A gentleman called at the Department to-day and narrated his experience in New-Mexico. Travelling over a Star route, he saw the driver handing up a mail pouch at an intermediate station and a ked the reason. "Why," replied the driver. "there's nothing in it, and I might as well hang it up here and take it on my return." This gentleman having reached the terminus of the route, a military post, conversed with the clerk, who was acting as postmaster. He said he had computed the cost per letter of carrying the mails over the route in question, and found it to be about \$700.

CURRENT TOPICS AT THE CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, May 11, 1881.

Information has reached this city of the conviction in the Federal Court at Little Rock, Ark., of James S. Wilson, one of the most successful "bond fakirs" that have plied their vocation in this country; and it being the first conviction of this class of swindlers, the special attention of the United States and State officials should be called to this case. His method of dealing is to approach a stranger, and by false representations obtain a small loan, he giving as security a bond purporting to be a Government bond. It has the words United States printed in large, conspicuous letters at the top, over an eagle. Underneath the eagle, in small and blurred type, are the words, "Silver Mining Company of Denver City, Colorado." It is printed in green ink, has coupons attached, and is about the size, color, etc., of a United States 6 per cent 5-20, and is well calculated to deceive those who have not had dealings with Government securities, or who do not closely examine the bogus bond. In the charge to the jury, Judge Caldwell clearly stated that " if you find from the evidence that the defendant had in his custody

remember them or produce them as factors in a great political contest. I dwell upon the smile and tea part of this remarkable article only because of its significance as to the source and motive of the whole.

Second—The tone of the article treats the President as the tool of Mr. Blaine. This is simply disrespectfol and unlighted Mr. Phains is not in a position.

Mrs. Garfield's condition is somewhat improved o-day, and her physicians are confident of a favortermination of her illness. Her complaint is intermittent fever, brought on by fatigue and by lieved, bring her through safely. The President is greatly distressed at her suffering, and spends much with her until daybreak, and to-day he has given

THE FIEL BUCOKD.

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SAN PRANCISCO, May 11.—Condoming Coffa, the Mexican refuge, Women for earlied aftention here some weeks ago, whereforeed on the 10 days 10 day.

OPINION IN THE SPRANCE CASE DEPERTIES.
PROVIDINGE, R. L. May 11.—In the United States Circuit Court today the equilor in the Lathan chaffee Sprague case was 6 ferred unit. May 2d.

BACING HORSTSCOMING EAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—St. Julien and Santa Chars and the young home Overman statist overland in a special rad Monday. St. Julien and Santa Chars are in first rate condition.

VERIFICT OF JUSTIPIABLE HOMICIDE.

POTISVILLE, Penn., May 11.—The jury in the case
of John's Schaild, on trial for the murder of Monres seitzer, et
dick ansburg, several weeks ago, rendered a verifict to-day of
mathiable homiciae.

PROVIDENCE, R. J., May 11.—A committee of the New York 7th Regiment visited Oakland Beach to day to examine its facilities for a camping ground, and then proceeded to New part with the same object.

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A SCHOONER FOUNDERED.

MILWAUKEE, May II.—A dispatch to The Republicas, from Ahnepee, Wis., says: The schooner Trimadad, of Buffalo, coal faden, foundered off that port this morning. The crew of eight men got ashers in a small beat.

A PRISONER'S DVING CONFESSION.

HARTFORD, Conn., May II.—William Libby, who died recently at the weltersnesid State Prison, where he was under scattere for life for mardering a son of Henry D. Langworthy, of Stonington, confessed before his death that he committed the murder.

CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

BOSTON, May II.—In the Superior Criminal Court this morning James Tracey was convicted on an indictment charging him with manslaughter in having caused the death of Eliza Pope, at the North End on April 23, by striking her upon the head with a site of wood.

COLONEL THOMAS A. SCOTTS HEALTH.

PHILADELPHIA, May II.—Colonel Scott was much improved to day and this evening was sitting up a while. The hope of his physicians is that he will be strong enough in a day or two to admit of his removal to the seashore.

OWNERBHIP OF A NEW-OBLEANS PAPER.

NEW-ORLEANS, Lu., May II.—Judge Billings, of the United States Circuit Court, today declared the case of E. C. Hancock against E. J. Holbrook et al., involving the ownership of The Peopusa, in favor of the defendants.

THE CORNELL TRUSTEES UPHELD.

ITHACA, N.Y. May II.—The resident alumni, by

ownership of The Picayane, in favor of the defendants.

THE CORNELL TRUSTEES UPHELD.

ITHACA, N. Y., May 11.—The resident alumni, by a vote of \$2 to \$\(\text{b}\), have tabled a resolution questioning the action of the Cornell University trustees. This is regarded as a vote of confidence in the management of the university.

THE NEWS FROM ABROAD.

ITALY JEALOUS OF FRANCE HOSTILE FEELING 1-OWARD FRANCE MANIFESTED

IN THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT-MORE RUSSIAN OUTRAGES ON THE HEBREWS-AN UPRISING IN MACEDONIA.

The French troops continue to advance toward Tunis, being now within twenty miles of that city. The Italians are showing much indignation at the French proceedings. More outrages on Hebrews are reported from Russia. Some Christians in Macedonia have revolted against the Turks. Four more arrests have been made in Dublin under the Coercion act.

ADVANCING TOWARD TUNIS

AGITATION IN ROME-A BRITISH REMONSTRANCE. The Times's dispatch from Rome says that there is

May 11.- A letter from a well-

Leavenille, Col., May 11—At 10 o'clock last interest bright and the L. M. more on from Harton fire the first of the L. M. more on from Harton fire places of morning and to the markonic and and a possion occurred, where shock every highling in load length tree more distant, fortunately the more was not being worked as might and was described. When the expussion occurred seven now were standing for it the expussion occurred seven now were standing for it the expussion occurred seven now were standing for it the expussion occurred seven now were standing for it the expussion occurred seven now were standing for it the expussion occurred seven now were standing for its first than one and a manufact of particular to the expulsion of the expussion of the expulsion occurred to the expulsion of the expulsion occurred to the expulsion of the expulsion occurred to the expulsion occurred t

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TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

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many has sounded the other powers upon the expeparty from gaining ground.

LONDON, May 11.-The Man herter Guardina's

Constantinople dispatch says:
Mediat Pacha has arrived from Smyrna to give exploitions concerning the desid of Abdul Aziz. There is a strong current of opinion here that Abdul Aziz commuted suicide in the manner stated at the time of his

REPRESSIVE ACTS IN DUBLIN.

Dr Blix, May 11.—Patrick Barran, Secretary of the Clough (Antrim County) branch of the Land League, has been arrested under the Coercion act on a charge of intimidation.

Nicholis, Goolding and Kavanagh, who were dis-

charged from custody on Monday last in connection with the shooting of young Farrell, were arrested again to-day under the Coercion act. The prisoners are said to be active Fenians. The authorities are devoting considerable attention to the Fenian move-

ment.

It is believed that when Archbishop Croke replies to Mr. Parnell's letter to the former a meeting of the Home Rule members of Parliament will be convoked and the existing breach be healed. LONDON, May 11 .- Mr. Forster, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in a speech at Bradford to-day, expressed himself as very hopeful of the fate of the Land Bill in the House of Lords, as he believed the landlords themselves wished the question settled

LONDON, May 11 .- Mr. Bradlaugh states that he claims exactly the same legal right to enter the House of Commons as he did before the passage of the resolution excluding him, against which he has

sent a formal written protest. The plaintiff in the action for penalties against Mr. Bradlaugh is trying to have judgment of his entered against him so as to make him bankrupt. Mr. Bradlaugh will resist, pending a decision by the House of Lords.

In the House of Commons to-day the Speaker read this protest against his forcible ejectment from the House. The Speaker said the letter would appear on the notes to-morrow, and that, it would be competent for any member to raise debate upon it as a question of privilege.

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It is expected that the Parliamentary Oaths bill will not come on in the House of Commons until after the Whitsuntide recess.

J. K. EMMET FAILS TO APPEAR.

LONDON, May 11 .- J. K. Emmet, the comedian, as announced to appear at the Alexandra Theatre Liverpool, last evening. The house, however, was not opened, and a notice was posted on the doors stating that his appearance was indefinitely post-poned, together with a physician's certificate declar-ing that Mr. Emmet was severely indisposed.

A PRESENT TO WAGNER.

Bentin, May 11.-Before departing for Bay epergne, adorned with figures of the Muses armounted by the genius of Music, with an ap-

CANADIAN AFFAIRS.

QUEEE, May 11.-Bills have been introduced in the Quenec Legislature to amend the libel law so as to give greater freedom of the press.

t Lord Lorne at the Citadel, and the remainder of the city are at the St. Bouts Hotel.

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ales, writes to The Sportsmen saving that he will leave

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CIN INNAIL May 11.—Morrill Snyder, an at-

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session here to-night. It is said that the companies represented have a capital of \$5.5,005,000,000. Among those present were Joseph Bates, B. Lockwood and Robt, Levy, of New York; C. W. Kellogg, of Philadelphia; Hefry M. Brooks, of Cleveland; P. C. Doyle, of Suffalo; J. S. Harris, F. S. James, W. C. Ferguson, Arthur C. Ducat, George C. Clarke and G. M. Farnham, of Chicago; George W. Haves, of Milwanke; Martin Collins, of St. Louis; J. F. Downing, of Ede, Penn., and J. R. Preston, of Richmond, Ind. Their discussions indicated a tendency to an increase in rates, and especially to a revision of the classication of riess.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH.

BODY OF A PROOKLYN MAN RECOVERED.

BAY VIEW, N. J., May 11,—The body of Thomas Nelson, who was drewned sunday at Manning's Point, was recovered to-day. Nelson was married and lived in Brooklyn.

TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER.

BURLINGTON, Vi., May 11.—Albert Mercier, charged with the murder of Francis McCullough, has been committed for trial at the September term of the Chittenden County Court.

MURRAY CHACE'S DENIAL.

NEWPORT, R. I., May 11.—Murray Chace, the alleged forger, denies that he confessed to the charges brought against him, as stated by Captain Nounan, of the National Exchange Bank. An attempt will be made to show that the mortage accepted by the Bristol Bank was not a forger.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE

GENERAL LEGISLATIVE WORK.

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE BILL DEFEATED. FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE. ALBANY, May 11 .- Ex-Speaker Husted's Woman Suffrage bill came up for a third reading in the Assembly to-day and was lost. It only received fifty-

Speaker Sharpe, at the afternoon session of the Assembly, appointed as a new Conference Comnittee on the Street-Cleaning bills Assemblymen E. A. Carpenter, Hamilton, C. H. Russell, Hayes and McCarmeasure would be inserted in the McCarthy charter, and iouses to an agreement. The appointment of the Assem There is a keen desire to pass some bill on the subject of that one will be passed.

ideration of Mr. Fenner's bill against the manufacture of oleomargarine and lard cheese. The bill has the sup-

TAXING CORPORATIONS.

THE PRINCIPAL BILL OF THE TAX COMMISSION PASSED - STREET RAILWAY INTERESTS DE-

ALBANY, May 11.-The chief bill of the ill for the taxation of the franchises and business of all the provisions of the bill except life insurance companies

Assessment and Tayation, with the Commission, met to make. Judge Van Cott, from the Commission, presented

OPENING THE CANALS. ALEXNY, May 11.-Auditor Place has auth-ALPANY, May 11.—Addition Prace has additionally the collectors on the middle distance of the Eric can disclose and all of the Eric except the Western the Canadishan and all of the Eric except the Western districts will be used in daring the wester will then harry to the water.

THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH. ALBANY, May 11 .- The State Board of Health adjourned to-day to meet on August 10 at Starara Falls.

It was stated that the Board had sufficient funds on hand to carry on its operations and September next.

A WOMAN'S BODY IN A PAULT.

Lowert, Mass., May 11 .- A tragic mystery, tabling fair to rival in horror that of the trunk tragedy at Lynn, was unearthed in this city this afternoon. Lorat Lynn, was uncartised in this city this afternoon. Lor-ing Loker was employed to remove an accumulation of ashes, dirt and debris in a vault in the rear of Appleton-st, which had been maused for about two years. After proceeding to some depth Loker exhume the partially decayed body of a woman. The vanit is attached to the dwelling of two prominent citizens, both of whom have held manerous public offices. As the vanit can be opened from a unrowalley raming between Appleton and winter-sis, a theory prevails that the body was taken there surreptitiously, and deposited to conceal a crime.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., May 11.-The thirty. six smallpox patients on the Edmunds Ground, South Adams, were removed to the pest-house, half a mile from the village, last night. Eleven cases were left in quarantine in other parts of that town. Cheshire, ten milesbelow here, has a violent se, and the authorities have built a high fence around the patient's house to strictly enforce quarantine. The first case North Adams has had was officially announced yesterday. Every precaution has been taken to prevent its spread, the house being quarantined, with a guard at the gate night and day.

FRIGHTENED INSURANCE COMPANIES.

HARRISBURG, Penn., May 11 .- Sixty-five delegates representing sixty of the 160 mutual assessment insurance companies of this State, met here this after insurance companies of this State, met here this afternoon. Resolutions were adopted empowering the president to appoint a committee to open a central office here,
establish a newspaper in behalf of the companies, devise
means to prevent fraud by sagents and physicians, and to
invite the Legislature to appoint a committee to investigate their workings before passing the bill relative to
mutual assessment companies now pending, and which
they claim is derogatory to their interests.

ELECTION IN OGDENSBURG.

OGENNSBURG, N. Y., May 11.—At the mu-nicipal election to-day the Republicans redeemed the city, electing their entire ticket by an average majority of 400.